

Committee 16

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Lieutenant General Graham

SUBJECT: Deputy Secretary of Defense's Critical Remarks at
NSCIC Meeting of 23 August 1974

1. At a debriefing of the subject NSCIC Meeting I was given to understand that Mr. Clements made a remark, "all intelligence production analysis I have received is rotten," or words to that effect.

2. While it is also my understanding that Mr. Clements occasionally overstates a case to make his point, I do not think a remark of that nature should go unchallenged. If Mr. Clements' remark is correct the Intelligence Community should react and correct the problem (regardless of the 40% reduction in assets which Mr. Colby cited, certainly the Deputy SECDEF's needs can be met). However, if the problem is as I suspect, a problem in the consumer failing to communicate his precise analytical requirements to the producer, then this, too, should be aired.

3. When I discussed this matter with [redacted] he suggested that the most effective means of exploring Mr. Clements' criticism might be not through D/DCI/IC contact but via Director, DIA. In your new job you would have immediate reason to clarify the nature of Mr. Clements' criticism and suggest to the IC Staff where we might help DIA in improving the community's support of the Deputy SECDEF.

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